

Indian women trapped into sex slavery in Britain and other West European countries, America and Gulf countries each year during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent such sale of Indian women into sex slavery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has no reports of any Indian women having been trapped into sex slavery during the relevant periods in Britain or any other West European country. This year, one case (involving an Indian woman) has been reported from United Arab Emirates and another case (involving three Indian women) has been detected in the U.S.A.

(c) These are isolated instances. Preventive vigilance is exercised by the concerned authorities.

Setting up of National Centre for Internet Excellence

2107. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Centre for Internet Excellence to promote internet in the country;

(b) whether a task force is proposed to be set up for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) A Centre of Excellence in Networking and Internet is under establishment as part activity of the project on expansion of National Centre for Software Technology (NCST) activities at Navi Mumbai.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.